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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 1, 2004 (Paper No. 0521200), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action mailed for one month from September 1, 2004 to October 1, 2004. Please charge the fee for the one-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-3372.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend the specification as described on page 4 of this amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 28, 30, and 31.

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CONCLUSION

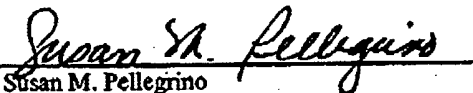
For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully request reexamination of the present application, reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejections. Should there be any further matter requiring consideration, Examiner Winkler is invited to contact the undersigned counsel.

If there are any further fees due in connection with the filing of the present reply, please charge the fees to undersigned's Deposit Account No. 13-3372. If a fee is required for an extension of time not accounted for, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to undersigned's deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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